

Appl. No. 10/610,939  
Amdt. dated February 12, 2007  
Reply to Office action dated November 15, 2006

### REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

#### **Disposition of the Claims:**

Claims 15-19 and 21-29 are pending in this application. Claims 15, 22 and 25 are independent claims. The remaining claims are dependent claims and depend from independent claims 15, 22 and 25. Claims 15, 22, 28 and 29 have been amended. Claims 20, 23 and 27 have been canceled.

Claims 25 and 26 are allowed. Claims 23, 27 and 29 are objected to as being dependent on rejected claims. Claim 15-19 and 21-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stucki (U.S. Patent 3,272,581) and in further view of Ellman et al (U. S. Patent 5,518,30).

Applicant has amended 22 to include the limitations of claim 23. Applicant has amended claim 15 to include the limitation of claim 27.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that none of the art of record (alone or in combination) teaches, discloses or even suggests the invention as recited in each of Applicant's claims. Applicant further submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections and passage to issuance is respectfully requested. Applicant believes this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues and place this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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